Watershed Development Programme

442. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a task force is being considered for Watershed Development Programmes in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Watershed Development Programme has not been effectively implemented in different parts of the country;

(c) what steps Government propose to give an impetus to the Watershed Development Programme;

(d) whether any funds have been obtained from the World Bank for this purpose;

(e) if so, the States which have applied for these funds; and

(f) the details of the foreign aided projects for watershed development in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. No Task Force is being considered for Watershed Development Programmes. However, the Watershed Development programmes of the Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development are being implemented under Guidelines for Watershed Development through ZPs/DRDAs with local people's participation. A Common Approach for Watershed Development has recently been finalised for implementing the Watershed Development Programmes of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Rural Development. The Common Approach also envisages implementation of Watershed projects with local people's participation.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) (i) The following States are availing World Bank funds through World Bank assisted projects operational in the respective States:—

Punjab, Haryana, HP, J&K and UP

(ii) The following States have also applied for World Bank assistance:—

Gujarat, Karnataka and Maharashtra

(f) Details are enclosed in the Statement.

Statement

The following Foreign Aided projects for Watershed Development are in operation in various parts of the country:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	State Covered	Total Cost
1.	Integrated Watershed Development Projects Hills (II) (World Bank)	Haryana, Punjab, HP, J&K and UP	US $ 193 million (Rs. 954.60 crore)
2.	Doon Valley Project (EEC)	UP	ECU 23.7 million
3.	Comprehensive Watershed Development Project (Danish Development Agency)	TN, Karnataka, MP and Orissa	Rs. 107.78 crores
4.	KFW (Germany assisted Watershed Development Project)	Karnataka Maharashtra	Rs. 81.74 crores
5.	Indo-German Bilateral Programme on Watershed Management	Rajasthan, UP, T.N. Bihar and HP	Rs. 42.00 crores
6.	Agriculture, Man & Ecology (South) Project (Netherland Development Agency)	AP, Karnataka and TN	Rs. 20.70 crores
7.	JSPWD—Karnataka (Swiss Development Agency)	Karnataka	Rs. 18.95 crores
8.	Karnataka Watershed Development Project (Department. of International Development/ Overseas Development)	Karnataka	Rs. 83.40 crores
9.	Rural Livelihood Project (DFID, UK)	AP	45.543 million pounds
10.	Western Orissa Rural livelihood project (DFID, UK)	Orissa	32.75 million pounds
11.	Community Management of Natural Resources (Agha Khan Foundation)	Gujarat	15.85 million ECU.